

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 442
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate owner Vernon Briley and the New Deal Tool and Die Company on its 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those businesses and business professionals who, through their vision and longevity, have become models of industry of which we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Briley, owner and creator of New Deal Tool and Die Company, is one such praiseworthy individual, having recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his business; and

WHEREAS, born in Clearview, Vernon Briley attended high school in Portland before going to work as a machinist for Kennedy and Bowden Machine during World War II; he later discovered that the manufacturing parts that were then shipped to Oak Ridge assisted in the production of atomic bombs; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Vernon Briley established his own business in New Deal; at its inception in 1953, New Deal Tool and Die was the only business of its kind in Sumner County

and did not have phone service; nevertheless, Vernon Briley's business flourished because of his high-quality, low-cost parts; and

WHEREAS, today, New Deal Tool and Die is primarily an automated metal stamping business for the automotive and transportation industries and suspension parts for trailers; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Briley's son, Robert, now runs the family business; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian man, Vernon Briley is a long-time deacon at his church, Halltown General Baptist Church, which he has attended for many years; Vernon Briley has also become known as the "Tape Man" because of his passion for taping religious services and bringing them to those in nursing homes who are otherwise unable to gain access to religious services; and

WHEREAS, his personal and professional accomplishments aside, Vernon Briley is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Evelyn, their sons, Wayne and Robert, their five grandchildren, and their four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, businessmen such as Vernon Briley epitomize all that is good in Tennessee's industry; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor this extraordinarily successful man and his entrepreneurship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owner Vernon Briley and New Deal Tool and Die Company on their 50th Anniversary in business and wish them the best in their every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.